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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1116

Thursday, *the* $\frac{\textit{31st July 1941}}{\textit{16th Karkadagam 1116}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President) M. R. Ry. K. ACHYUTA MENON Avl., B.A., B.L.), in the Chair.

Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and T. V. Subramania Ayyar were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

LUMP PROVISION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT—CONTRIBUTION TO THE UPLIFT DEPARTMENT FOR 1116

51. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what was the contribution to the Department for the Uplift of the Depressed Classes from the lump provision in the Budget for Rural Development in 1116;

(*b*) how was the amount distributed to be spent in 1116;

(*c*) whether the Advisory Committee to advise on the working of this Department was consulted before alloting the grant for various purposes ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Rs. 2,000.

(*b*) A statement showing the distribution of the allotment is appended *(Appendix I).*

(*c*) No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the various industrial activities for which amounts have been paid from the special grant are actually being carried at present?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I cannot say that all of them are being carried. Of course, I will get the

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information. I did not expect that supplementary question. So, I am not in a position to give definite answer either one way or the other. I will get the information before the Council is over.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Are they given as grants or on easy terms to be repaid?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Some are given grants with this restriction that the grant should be used as capital. Others are given loans. With regard to loans there is no restriction. But, with regard to grants, we specify that the grant must be used as working capital.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Now, loans are seen paid from this amount for Weaving Industry, Peringottukara and in various other parts of the State. In the case of Item 13 in Appendix I it is not stated to whom that amount was paid and through which agency that amount was to be expended.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice. I think most probably it might have been given to the co-operative society.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* To my knowledge there is no co-operative society.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Then it may be to individuals. I will find it out.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether before granting these amounts in this manner it is not the duty of the Government to verify whether these amounts will be utilized for the purpose and they will not be wasted?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government had in view this principle before making these grants?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Head of the Department is held responsible for this grant. It is on the recommendation of the Head of the Department that the grant is given and he is held responsible to see that this grant is properly used. If any specific instance is pointed out where it is not properly used, of course, he will be taken to task.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government have any objection in instituting an enquiry into the question as to how these amounts were appropriated and utilised for the last three years?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. We will do that.

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APPENDICES

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(Please see answer to question No. 51)

Distribution Statement of Rural Development Funds for the year 1116

Serial No.	*Name of the Society*	*Purpose to which the grant is made*	*Amount*
			Rs.
1.	Nadathara Rural Development Co-operative Society	Bamboo, Goat farming, etc., industries in Puthur and Nadathara colonies	200
2.	Ashtamichira Co-operative Society No. 325	Bamboo Industry	100
3.	Kizhakkumbhagom do. No. 316	do.	100
4.	Mattathur do. No. 351	do.	100
5.	Machad do. No 402	do.	100
6.	Vellikulangara do. No. 425	Industrial activities	100
7.	Amballur Group village R. D. C. S. No. 389	Stone quarrying Industry	200
8.	Lokamaleswaram Vettuva Co-operative Society No. 210	Purchase of boat for the use of the Coir Industry	150
9.	Puduruthy Weaving Factory	Bamboo Industry	100
10.	Chirakkal R. D. C. S. No. 413	Industrial activities	100
11.	Parlom Padanna C. S. No. 225	do.	100
12.	Library building and Reading Room, Venduruthy		200
13.	Weaving Industry, Peringottukara		350
14.	Reserve		100
		Total	2,000

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